

Jawaharlal Nehru Institute for Post-Graduate Medical Education & Research (JIPMER), Pondicherry, etc. are well-equipped to provide specialized treatment for cancer.

(e) The treatment of cancer is by surgery, radiotherapy, chemotherapy and supportive care. The treatment to cancer requires multi speciality support.

Medicinal plant promotion boards

1122. SHRI C. PERUMAL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are considering to set up Medicinal Plant Promotion Boards in the country for cultivation and development of medicinal plants;

(b) if so, the States which are selected for setting up of such boards; and

(c) the proposed financial allocation and the functions of the proposed Boards?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) to (c) There is no proposal to set up Medicinal Plants Promotion Boards, However, Government has already set up Medicinal Plants Board as a national level body to look after policy formulation, coordination and implementation of schemes for development of medicinal plants sector in the country. The Medicinal Plants Board has facilitated setting up of 35 State Medicinal Plants Board (SMPBs) in all States/UTs for coordination of activities and implementation of schemes at State/UT levels.

An allocation of Rs. 50 crore has been made for National Medicinal Plants Board during the current financial year. The National Medicinal Plants Board is providing funds for implementation of programmes in States/UTs under its schemes keeping in view the proposals received from the SMPBs and the organizations in States/UTs. The Board is also providing funds for setting up nucleus center at SMPB and its maintenance @ Rs. 10.00 lakh and Rs. 5.00 lakh respectively.